

# **USD 497 District Site Council Meeting Minutes**

December 19, 2019  
4:30-5:30pm – ESC-Little Mac

## **Present**

Members: Bob Byers, Naomi Danso, Kathy Johnson, Jerri Kemble,

Guests: Darcy Kraus, Zachary Conrad, Brian McCaffrey, Brad Kempf, Kathy Meyer

## **I. 2019-2020 District KESA Goals**

District KESA Goals were reviewed during a November meeting of district and building leadership to align the KESA plan with the District's Strategic Plan. Revised goals (attached) were unanimously approved.

## **II. Middle School KESA Report: West MS**

Dr. Brad Kempf, Principal, shared plans the West MS staff is implementing to address the school's relationships and relevance goals, including focusing on parent engagement, restructuring conferences to fit student and parent needs (transitioning from 'traditional' conferences in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, student-led in 7<sup>th</sup> and drop-in conferences in 8<sup>th</sup> grade), evaluating Individual Plans of Study to uniquely engage all students, looking at the elective wheel and working outside grade levels to vertically align content across the grades.

## **III. Elementary School KESA Report: Broken Arrow**

Brian McCaffrey, Principal, and Kathy Meyer, teacher, shared how Broken Arrow is focusing on relationships and relevance during the 2019-2020 school year. Relationships: morning meetings with students, monthly staff activities to improve morale, three parent/community activities (Books, Cookies and Culture Night or Arts and Innovation Night). Relevance: to address need for more engaging and in-depth learning opportunities, school creating increased Project-Based Learning opportunities for all students – each trimester each grade does a minimum of 1 all-school PBL activity tied to standards.

## **IV. Notes**

Jerri shared that she is retiring effective December 31 and District Site Council meetings will obtain new leadership in January.

Rick Ingram finished his tenure with the school board in December, and as such Melissa Johnson, Board President, will assign another Board member to the council. Additionally, Kelly Jones shared

that she now has conflicts. Melissa will assign another member in her place as well. We still need one certified staff member; Laurie Folsom, LEA president, is working on this.

## **V. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm by Jerri Kemble. The next scheduled meeting will be at 4:30pm on Thursday, January 16, 2020 in the ESC-Little Mac.

Minutes submitted by: Erin Tarnowicz

Date: December 30, 2019

## **Relationships Goal:**

During the 2019-2020 school year, Lawrence Public Schools will engage students, staff, school families and community members, providing them opportunities to participate in district decision-making, including improving academic, social-emotional and behavioral support for students through various avenues.

## **Relevance Goal:**

During the 2019-2020 school year, Lawrence Public Schools will develop, align and implement consistent and equitable curriculum, instruction and assessment to raise the achievement of all students as evidenced by state and nationally normed measures through the use of Professional Learning Communities and data consultations, including improving academic, social-emotional and behavioral support for students through various avenues.